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1. COSTA RICA WILL BE REPRESENTED AT SUBJECT MEETING BY RODOLFO SILVA VARGAS, COSTA RICAN AMBASSADOR TO WASHINGTON. THE COSTA RICAN MINISTER COUNSELOR IN WASHINGTON HAS ALSO BEEN DESIGNATED TO ATTEND THE MEETING. HE IS CURRENTLY IN COSTA RICA, HOWEVER, AND IT DOES NOT SEEM LIKELY AT THIS POINT THAT HE WILL BE RETURNING IN TIME TO ATTEND THE SUBJECT MEETING.

2. WHILE WE HAVE NOT DISCUSSED THE COSTA RICAN POSITION WITH MINISTRY OF FOREIGN RELATIONS OFFICIALS, IT SEEMS LIKELY THAT IT WILL BE A RATIONAL AND MODERATE ONE. EFFORTS WILL PROBABLY BE MADE TO COORDINATE IT WITH THOSE UNCLASSIFIED

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OF OTHER CENTRAL AMERICAN COUNTRIES. COSTA RICA IS, IN

GENERAL, OPEN TO MULTINATIONAL CORPORATE INVESTMENT. OF
LATE, HOWEVER, THE IDEA HAS GAINED GROUND THAT THERE IS A
NEED FOR THE GOVERNMENT OF A COUNTRY, IN WHICH A MULTINATIONAL
FIRM ESTABLISHES ITSELF, TO EXERCISE SOME SORT OF CONTROL
OVER RESTRICTIVE CLAUSES INCLUDED IN MOTHER COMPANY/SUB-
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